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*A Weekly Compilation of Environmental Education News from Across Louisiana*

## LEEC NEWS

### ***"GIVE A WHOOP!" LAFAYETTE WORKSHOP REGISTRATION IS OPEN***

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is pleased to offer our "Give a Whoop!" educator workshop Saturday November 15, 2014 at the Lafayette Public Library, South Regional Branch, 6101 Johnson St. Learn about the **whooping crane** reintroduction program and the crane's amazing journey back from the brink of extinction! Geared toward teachers of middle and high school students and informal educators, these workshops will explain the complexities and challenges of the reintroduction program, demonstrate the new classroom lesson activities, and discover the wonder of these magnificent creatures.



LDWF File Photo

This workshop is open to formal and informal Louisiana educators. Attendees will receive breakfast and lunch, a binder with related GLE-aligned lessons, continuing education credits, a replica whooping crane egg and a life-size whooping crane poster.

See the [flyer](#) and [registration form](#) for more details.

## UPCOMING CONFERENCE

### ***INTERNATIONAL STEM EDUCATION ASSOCIATION HANDS-ON STEM EXPO***

The International STEM Education Association (ISEA) STEM Expo 2014 conference will be held in the Branson Convention Center at Branson Landing on October 12-14, 2014.

The design of the conference will focus on a series of "hands-on" workshops that will allow teachers with an interest in STEM to actually "experience" project-based learning that can work in their classrooms. The goal is provide teachers with ideas, lessons and projects they can implement in their classroom right away.

Visit the conference website at [www.isea-stem.org](http://www.isea-stem.org) to learn more about plans for this year and to register.

## **OPPORTUNITIES**

### **COMPOST AWARENESS WEEK POSTER CONTEST**

The U.S. Composting Council (USCC) is seeking poster entries on the theme, "Be Loyal to Your Soil—Compost!" Share your artistic interpretation of compost and its ties to soil health. The winning poster design will be reproduced and distributed nationwide as the official 2015 International Composting Awareness Week (ICAW) poster and featured on the USCC website.

<http://www.compostingcouncil.org/icaw>

### **RACE 4 BIRDS COMPETITION**

The Race 4 Birds Foundation (R4B) launched a new nonprofit organization to promote youth birding competitions. The birding competitions challenge youth participants to identify and quantify the number of birds sighted within 24 hours. The site offers a planning guide, detailed instructions, and resources.

<http://www.race4birds.org>

### **SCHOLARSHIPS FOR AMAZON RAINFOREST PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP**

The 2015 Educator Academy in the Amazon Rainforest (July 1–11, 2015) allows environmental educators to use and learn innovative instructional tools while exploring one of the world's most important resources—the Amazon!

<http://www.amazonworkshops.com/educator-academy.html>

## **LAGNIAPPE**

### **NEW ECO-LEADERSHIP PROGRAM ANNOUNCED**

ecoAmerica and the Solution Generation Executive Committee recently announced the launch of a new national program, Solution Generation. Solution Generation aims to encourage higher education leadership on climate change by inviting college and university leaders to lead by example and engage others in climate solutions. The website provides a range of communication tools, inspirational success stories, and resources that higher education leaders can use right away to design and implement strategies to inspire and empower their students, faculty, staff and peer leaders.

<http://solutiongeneration.org>

### **SCIENCE EDUCATION RESOURCE FOR PARENTS**

The National Science Teachers Association has developed a resource for parents to help them better understand the importance of standards and the role they play in education. Science teachers, principals, and other administrators are encouraged to download the Q&A to distribute (and discuss) with parents. Download the parent Q&A [here](#), or find it with other great resources at the [NGSS@NSTA Hub](#).

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